

other aquatic sports. Real estate developers advertised land for sale in resort communities. Field Test started search for other locations for a field test range.

1959-1960 Salton Sea used for testing of the Project Mercury space capsule. Sandia provided support for the program.

1961-1962 Navy divers recovered classified material from the bottom of the Salton Sea. Divers from the Underwater Demolition Team Number Eleven, stationed at El Centro conducted the search. In a Sandia report to the AEC, June 15, 1961, it was noted that retarded impact sites had been sufficiently searched to eliminate all security hazards.

01 Jul 1961 All testing ceases at the Salton Sea. Much equipment and most of the personnel are transferred to the Tonopah Test Range, Nevada. Caretaker status established for the base, with 17 Sandia Corporation personnel remaining to provide maintenance and security services.